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SUBJECT: POSTERS IN PEKING

1. ADDITIONAL BIG CHARACTER POSTERS APPEARED JUNE 19-20 AMID INDICATIONS THAT AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING THEIR ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT AND CONTROL THE ACTIVITY. ONE POSTER BY WORKERS IN PEKING ARTS AND CRAFTS FACTORY, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT AFTER THEY HAD PUT UP THEIR FIRST POSTER SUPPORTING THE ORIGINAL SIX POSTER WRITERS' ACTION THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE HAD SENT PEOPLE TO TALK TO THEM AND "APPLY PRESSURE". THE POSTER SAID THIS KIND OF ACTION WAS "EXTREMELY WRONG" AND CALLED UPON THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE TO TAKE A PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARD PUTTING UP BIG CHARACTER POSTERS.

2. THE SECOND HUNAN POSTER WHICH ATTACKED PU CHAN-YA AND YANG TA-I BY NAME WAS ALSO REMOVED AS OF THIS MORNING. THERE ARE NOW NO POSTERS UP IN PEKING THAT WE KNOW OF WHICH CRITICIZE LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS BY NAME. SMALL TABLOID NEWSPAPER
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WHICH WAS COMPANION PIECE WITH HANAN POSTER HAS ALSO BEEN

REMOVED.

3. TWO LENGTHY NEW POSTERS ARE DRAWING ENORMOUS CROWDS IN FRONT OF THEM. ONE BY A GROUP FROM HEILUNGKIANG DEMANDS THAT CRITICISM BE CARRIED OUT AT ALL LEVELS FROM THE CENTRAL (CHUNGYANG) TO LOWEST LEVEL UNITS. THE POSTER DETAILS A LIST OF GRIEVANCES AGAINST CADRES IN HEILUNGKIANG WHO ARE CHARGED WITH USING INFLUENCE TO GET THEIR CHILDREN ASSIGNED TO GOOD JOBS IN THE CITY WHILE OTHERS ARE FORCED TO GO TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, AND WHAT SOUNDS LIKE PROFITEERING BY CADRES WHO SEND THEIR STAFF TO THE COUNTRY TO BUY UP EGGS AND OTHER PRODUCE.

4. THE SECOND POSTER LISTS THE GRIEVANCES OF A GROUP OF REVOLUTIONARY REBELS WHO PARTICIPATED IN FORMING A THREE-WAY COMBINATION TO ESTABLISH A REVOLUTIONARY STREET COMMITTEE IN PEKING BUT WERE LATER SQUEEZED OUT. LIKE THE ORIGINAL POSTER BY SIX, THIS ONE MENTIONS THE SANCTION OF THE 1967 "JANUARY STORM" BY CHOU EN-LAI AND CHIANG CHING. IT STATES THAT REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE WAS SET UP ON APRIL 19, 1967 AND WAS VISITED BY HSIEH FU-CHIH IN MAY. HSIEH REPORTEDLY PRAISED THE GROUP AND THEY WERE ALSO COMPLIMENTED BY OTHER CITY PARTY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OFFICIALS. THERE FOLLOWED THE USUAL SEQUENCE OF CRITICISM OF THE REVOLUTIONARY REBELS AS EXTREME LEFTISTS AND LABELING OF MASS REPRESENTATIVES AS 516 ELEMENTS. SEVEN OUT OF TWELVE MASS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COMMITTEE WERE SENT TO "STUDY SCHOOLS", AND NOW ONLY TWO OF THE ORIGINAL MASS REPRESENTATIVES REMAIN ON THE COMMITTEE.

5. COMMENT: POSTERS ARE PROVIDING REVEALING STORY OF STRUGGLES WHICH WENT ON FOR CONTROL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES. EACH DAY AS NEW AND JUICY STORIES APPEAR THE CROWD SEEMS TO GROW IN FRONT OF THEM AND IT IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR A FOREIGNER TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO READ THEM. HOLDRIDGE

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